

# **ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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# ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## SEASON 2016/2017 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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E. Sheath	(34)	A. Russell	(43)
K. R. Morris	(32)	R. Fleming	(32)
A. P. Justice	(30)	A. D. King	(31)
R. C. Raggett	(26)	R. O. Harvey	(25)

### League Representatives:

**Saturday:** R. McCarthy (13), J. Hopkinson (12), R. Sanders (3)

**Sunday:** S. White (14), D. Brunt (10)

**Sunday Youth:** A. Woodhouse (12), K. Taylor (3), C. South (4)

**Local Authority Representative:** L. Matthews (8)

**R.A. Representative:** R. Farley (1)

**Referee's Representative:** I. Smith (7)

**Schools F.A. Representative:** P. Giles (11)

**Senior Clubs Representative:**

D. Dyer (2)

**Girls & Woman's Clubs Representative:**

Mrs J. Woodhouse (6)

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**Committees:**

**Emergency**

The Officers with S. White.

**Cups:**

The Officers with S. White, R. Harvey, R C. Raggett, R. McCarthy & C. South

**Finance:**

The Officers with J. Hopkinson & R C. Raggett

**Rules Revision:**

The Officers with C. South, R C. Raggett, J. Hopkinson & R. McCarthy

**Representative Football:**

The Officers with R. Harvey, R. McCarthy, & Mrs J. Woodhouse.  
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C.A. Brown & S. Nicholas (both H.F.A.)

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(NUMBERS INDICATE YEARS ON COUNCIL INCLUDING CURRENT SEASON)

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**Child Welfare Officer for Saturday Adult Football:**

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## HARWOODS RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### **Committee Members:**

D. Bartlett, P.J. Butler, K. Williams, D. Brunt  
S. Terry, R. Moul & A. Russell (IOWDFA Rep.)

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### **President:**

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T.B.A.

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**Committee Members:**

R. Harris & C. South (IOWDFA Rep.)

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**Hampshire FA: LOCAL AREA REFEREES COMMITTEE**

**Chairman:** J. Hopkinson

**Deputy Chairman:** I. Smith

**Hon. Secretary:** A. D. King

**Committee Members:**

T. Berry, D. Jukes, M. Chard,  
A. Taylor & C. McFarlane

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K. R. Morris	(29)	C. South	(4)
A. P. Justice	(27)	Mrs K. Taylor	(3)
A. D. King	(21)	J. Hopkinson	(2)
P. J. Butler	(19)	D. Brunt	(2)
R. C. Raggett	(17)	G. Ruck	(1)

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NOTES

## **THE HARWOODS RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE CLUBS**

(All of whom have signed up to RESPECT)

Season 2016/17

**A.F.C. WOOTTON** – Ian Webster, 3A St. Boniface Road, Ventnor,  
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2nd contact: Martin Briscoe 07428 140177

Wootton Rec. Colours- Blue & black shirts, black shorts & socks.

**BAYSIDE** – Andrew Johnson, 49 High Street, Brading, PO36 0DQ.

Tel: 07975 908289 E mail andyljpalace@sky.com

2nd contact: Edd Brown 07710 291844

Broadlea School, Newport Road, Lake

Colours – Sky Blue shirts, shorts & socks.

**BEMBRIDGE** – Tracey Bennett, 11 Silver Trees, Shanklin. PO37 7ND

Tel 865799 or 07870 910874 E mail traceybenny40@gmail.com

2nd contact: Ian Bennett 07787 344160

Steyne Park, Bembridge.

Colours-1st team Royal blue shirts, shorts & socks

Reserves Royal blue shirts, shorts & red socks.

A team French blue shirts, shorts & socks.

**BINSTEAD & COB** – Stuart White, 10 Birch Gardens, Binstead, PO33  
3XB

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2nd contact: James Connor 07921 662636

Binstead Rec, Coniston Avenue, Binstead.

Colours – 1st team Twilight green with white stripe on sleeve shirts,  
green shorts & socks.

Reserves Green & white hooped shirts, green shorts & socks.

**BRADING TOWN** – Stuart Hopper, Alma Cottage, Church Lane,  
Brading. PO36 0BX

Tel 295841 or 07891 815924 E mail bradingtownfc1871@outlook.com

2nd contact: Steve Lawton 407003 or 07977 901423

Peter Henry Ground, Vicarage Lane, Brading 1st & reserve teams.

Seaclose Park, "A" team.

Colours –Red shirts, shorts & socks.

**BRIGHSTONE** – Kevin Williams, "Walton" Moor Lane Brighstone PO30 4DL

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2nd contact: Richard Eastaff 07813 403955

Brighstone Rec. off New Road, Brighstone.

Colours -Blue & Black striped shirts, black shorts & socks.



**CARISBROOKE UNITED** – Ms Julie Culliford-Brace, 117 Furrongs, Newport PO30 2BD

Tel 529780 or 07572 223935 Email Julie.squashie@hotmail.co.uk

2nd contact: Reg Moul 528766 or 07873 105114

Clatterford Rec. Carisbrooke.

Colours – Blue & white striped shirts, blue shorts & socks.

**COWES SPORTS** – Pete Jeffery, 49 Oakfield Road, East Cowes. PO32 6DS

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2nd contact: W. Murray 245720 or 07972 779050

Westwood Park, Cowes 1st & reserve teams, Northwood Rec. "A" team.

Colours -Blue & white striped shirts, black shorts & blue socks.

**EAST COWES VICTORIA ATHLETIC** – Darren Dyer, 5 Acorn Gardens, East Cowes, PO32 6TD

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Colours–Red & white striped shirts, black shorts & socks

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GKN Sports ground, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes.

Colours- 1st Blue & black striped shirts, black shorts & socks.

Reserves Red & green shirts, black shorts & black & green socks

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Steyne Park, Bembridge (1st team) Rowborough Field, Brading (Reserves)

Colours-1st Green shirts, black shorts & black socks.

Reserves Green & black shirts, black shorts & black socks

**NEWCHURCH** – Jason Brook, 4 North View, Harbors Lake Lane, Newchurch, PO36 0LY

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2nd contact Graham Cooper 865772 Watery Lane, Newchurch.

Colours-Yellow shirts, black shorts & yellow & black socks.

**NEWPORT** – Lisa Woodward, 4 Greenlands Close, Chillerton, PO30 3EX

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2nd contact David Hayles 07890 079309

St Georges Park, Newport 1st & reserves.

Nine Acres, "A" team

Colours- Yellow shirts, blue shorts & yellow socks.

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Colours – Red shirts, shorts & socks.

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2nd contact: Stewart Taylor 07970 710467

Northwood Rec. Park Road, Cowes.

Colours - Amber & black shirts, black shorts & yellow socks

**OAKFIELD** – Stuart Woodmore, 59 Slade Road, Oakfield, PO33 1EG

2nd contact: Steve Vanner 07590 654232

Oakfield Rec, Slade Road Oakfield. PO33 1EG

Colours-1st team White shirts, navy blue shorts & socks

Reserves White shirts, royal blue shorts & socks.

**OSBORNE COBURG** – Alan White, Thornehurst, Elm Lane, Calbourne. PO30 4JS

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2nd contact Daniel Storey 07817 094623

Isle of Wight Community Club, Park road, Cowes.

Colours - 1st team, White shirts, navy blue shorts & socks.

Reserves, Black & yellow shirts, black short & yellow socks.

**PAN SPORTS** – Jessie Dunkling, 55 Robin Hood Street, Newport PO30 2AW

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2nd contact Steve Case 638821 or 07873 872122

Downside Middle School, Newport.

Colours Claret & blue shirts shorts & socks.

**RYDE SAINTS** – Des Murphy, Maple House, St George's Road, Ryde PO33 3AS

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2nd contact Andy Brown 07734 580243

Pell Lane Rec, Ryde – 1st & reserves Seaclose Park, – A side.

Colours– Light blue shirts, shorts & socks

**St HELENS BLUE STAR** – Kevin Rust, 11 Willowdene Court, Lane End, Bembridge, PO35 5SS

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2nd contact: Keith Rust 07552 747425

The Green, St Helens.

Colours- Red shirts, shorts & socks.

**SANDOWN** – Bob Gray, Flat 2, 5 The Broadway, Sandown, PO36 9DQ

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2nd contact: Martin Groves 07702 010314

Fairway Sports Complex, Sandown.

Colours -1st Yellow shirts, black shorts & yellow socks.

Reserves Yellow shirts, black shorts & socks.

**SEAVIEW** – Amanda Jones, 67 Solent View Road, Seaview PO34 5HH

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2nd contact: Chris Norman 07761 584374

Seaview Pavilion, Seaview.

Colours- 1st team, Red & Blue stripes, blue shorts & socks.

Reserves - White shirts, shorts & socks.

**SHANKLIN** – Roger Harvey,23 Craigmere Court, Howard Road, Shanklin PO37 6HH

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2nd contact: Ray Fleming 406398

County Ground, Green Lane, Shanklin - 1st and reserves

Broadlea Primary School, Newport Road, Lake - A side

Colours- Blue shirts, shorts & socks.

**VENTNOR** – Paul Atkinson, 4 Gloucester Road, Ventnor PO38 1AT

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2nd contact: Gary Gee 07988 488806

Watcombe Bottom Sports Centre, Ventnor.

Colours- Yellow & blue shirts, blue shorts & socks.

**WEST WIGHT** – John Sexton, 5 Golden Ridge, Freshwater. PO40 9LE

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2nd contact: Trish Sime 752283 or 07808 963199

Camp Road, Freshwater.

Colours- White shirts, blue shorts & socks

**WHITECROFT & BARTON SPORTS** – Richard Sanders, 41 Spring Walk, Gunville, Newport PO30 5ND.

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2nd contact: Nigel True 07850 604479

Sandy Lane, Whitecroft. Colours – Red shirts, shorts & socks.

**WROXALL** – Claire Harvey, 31 Sherwood Road, Newport, PO30 5RY

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2nd contact: Matt Croad 07972 198337

Castle Road, Wroxall.

Colours- Navy blue & yellow shirts, navy blue shorts & socks.

**YARMOUTH & CALBOURNE** – Paul Buckland , Pitts Dene, The  
Green, Calbourne PO30 4JB  
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2nd contact: Matt Watson 07738 758825.  
Yarmouth Rec, Tennyson Road, Yarmouth  
Colours - 1st Team Red shirts, shorts & socks.  
Reserves Tangerine & black shirts, Black shorts & socks.

## **SUNDAY LEAGUE CLUBS**

Season 2016/17

**ROYAL CANARIES** – Peter Winkles, 2 Prince Street, Ryde, PO33 2SE

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Queensgate Primary School, East Cowes

Colours - Red shirts, black shorts, & red socks.

**SHORWELL UNITED** – Ross Wilkes, Flat 3, 7A Esplanade, Ryde, PO33 2DY

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2nd Contact Ash Smart 07767 838680

Shorwell Rec, Fine Lane, Shorwell

Colours - Home Royal blue shirts, shorts & socks.

Away Red & black hooped shirts, red shorts & socks.

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## **WOMAN'S CLUBS**

**SHANKLIN LADIES** – Mrs J. Woodhouse, 43a New Road, Lake PO36

9JW Tel 07935 391272 Email jsw56@hotmail.co.uk

County Ground, Shanklin. Colours – Light blue shirts, shorts & socks.

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# **Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association**

## **RULES**

### **TITLE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**1.** This Division shall be called the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (this DFA) and shall be affiliated to the Hampshire FA. This DFA shall observe the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and those of the Hampshire FA, which shall be deemed as part of these Rules. All matches played within this DFA's defined area shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as settled by the International Board.

**1B.** The objectives of the DFA shall be to:

- (a) ensure affiliated football is available for players of all ages, race and gender through our associated leagues and cup competitions in accordance with the F.A. and Hampshire F.A. Rules.
- (b) work with our clubs, local partners and providers as necessary in order to develop and improve facilities.
- (c) maintain/improve sponsorship of our cup competitions.
- (d) work with the Hampshire F.A. to ensure that every match has a registered referee.
- (e) have a succession plan in place for the current season through the Succession Planning Committee.

### **2. AREA**

The area of this DFA shall be that portion of Hampshire as bounded by the Isle of Wight in accordance with Hampshire F.A. Membership Rule 3.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

(a) (i) All clubs affiliated to the Hampshire FA who have grounds or recognised headquarters within the area defined in Rule 2 shall be members of this DFA subject to the approval of the Council. In addition, all clubs affiliated to any other County Association, but competing in a Sanctioned Competition under the jurisdiction of this DFA shall, subject to the approval of the Council, be members. Such clubs shall pay a membership fee as laid down in Rule 10. In addition

all Leagues sanctioned by Hampshire F.A. who operate within the area defined in Rule 2 shall be members of this DFA with all members of the DFA Council.

(ii) Clubs, Leagues and elected Council members may only be members of one Hampshire F.A. Divisional Association. In the event that a league has clubs from more than one Divisional Association, the League shall be a member of the Divisional Association that has the majority of it's member clubs

(iii) For the avoidance of any doubt a Member Club's headquarters shall be the ground on which they play their home matches unless they have an official HQ i.e. Registered Club House.

(b) The DFA shall keep a register of all Leagues and Clubs entitled to be members within its defined area.

(c) Development competitions are the only exemptions to Rule 3 (a) (i) above. For the avoidance of doubt development competitions are considered to be faith based competitions, a new competition that has not been in membership with a County FA or a competition where the majority of players do not play affiliated football elsewhere.

Development competitions are exempt from Divisional F.A. Membership for a term of between one and three seasons to be considered by the County F.A. Membership Committee. When the development competition is established, membership of the Divisional F.A. will apply in accordance with Rule 3 (a) (i) with the agreement of the County F.A. Membership Committee.

#### **4. OFFICERS**

The Officers of this DFA shall be the President, the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Minutes Secretary.

#### **5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION & ELECTION**

(a) This DFA shall be governed and its affairs managed by a Council consisting of:

(i) The Officers.

- (ii) Life Vice Presidents.
- (iii) All members of the Hampshire FA Council who reside in the Division.
- (iv) Up to 3 representatives from each sanctioned 11-a-side and Mini Soccer Competition within the area who must be members of that competition.
- (v) 1 representative from the Referees Society within the area.
- (vi) 1 representative from Member Clubs competing in competitions outside the area.
- (vii) 1 representative from Womens Clubs within the area.
- (viii) 1 representative from the local authority within the area.
- (ix) 1 representative from the appropriate Schools FA.
- (x) 1 representative from the Local Area Referees Committee.

Such persons, If approved by Council, shall serve for a one year term from the end of the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall be eligible for re-appointment. In addition, the Council shall have the power to co-opt on a yearly basis and any co-opted member shall have full powers of membership. Elected representatives shall not be members of any other Hampshire FA Division nor be members of Clubs in membership with any other Hampshire FA Division.

(b) In addition to the above, the Council shall have the power to co-opt up to 2 other members who may have specialist knowledge to assist the Council. All such co-opted members credentials shall be vetted by the full Council and shall be subject to re-appointment annually.

(c) Any elected or nominated member of Council absenting themselves from three successive meetings, failing a satisfactory explanation in writing, shall be considered to have resigned and the Council shall have the power to fill any such vacancy that may occur during the year.

(d) The Council shall have the power at their discretion to fill any office in this DFA that may become vacant and also any vacancy that may occur on a Committee during the year and appoint Sub-Committees as it sees fit.

(e) 5 members of the Council will form a quorum for the transaction of business for this DFA and 3 members will form the quorum for the transaction of any business delegated to a Sub-Committee of this DFA.



(f) All correspondence shall be addressed to the Secretary of this DFA and not to any other individual unless so directed.

## **6 ELECTIONS**

(a) The following will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting: The President; Chairman; Deputy Chairman; General Secretary; Treasurer and Minutes Secretary.

(b) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers shall be nominated in writing by two members of this DFA to the Secretary not later than 31 March in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The following will be elected annually by the Council in accordance with Hampshire F.A. Membership Rule 3:

(i) 6 representatives of it's Council to the Hampshire FA Council

- made up as follows:

Isle of Wight Saturday Football League - 1

Isle of Wight Sunday Football League - 1

Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association - 2

Isle of Wight Youth Football League - 2

(ii) Area Benevolent Officer (to be approved by the Hampshire F.A. board of directors).

(d) The Council at their discretion, may from time to time, elect Life Vice Presidents. Those elected must have been members of this DFA Council for at least 15 years.

Life Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council and general meetings.

Life Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe. Life Vice-presidents are eligible to be elected as Life Members at any time and may make applications to the DFA Secretary in writing. Honorary Life Members would receive invites to all general meetings but would not receive invitations to Council meetings or hold voting rights at Council meetings.

Any Life Vice-President who has been elected an Honorary Life Member may revert back to the position of Life Vice-President at any time by advising the DFA Secretary in writing.

(e) The DFA Secretary shall send to the Member Clubs competing in Competitions outside of the area and to Women's Clubs a nomination form for the election of the Council representatives. Such nomination forms shall be submitted to the DFA Secretary by such date as the Officers shall prescribe each year and must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Club nominating them. Any person nominated must be a member of the Club nominating them.

(f) If there is more than one candidate nominated for either of the categories, the DFA Secretary shall forthwith, after the time fixed for the close of nominations, send a voting paper containing the names of all those nominated in that category. Completed voting papers must be returned to the DFA Secretary by such time as the Officers shall decide and shall be opened by such person or persons as the Officers shall decide. The prescribed number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes in each category shall be declared elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

(g) The Secretary shall send at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting a form of nomination to each body within the area entitled to representative(s) on the Council with a notice that the body desiring to nominate a candidate or candidates, for a seat on the Council must return the nomination form signed by the Chairman and Secretary within 7 days.

(h) The Secretary shall ensure that the dedicated member of the Hampshire F.A. Football Development Team is invited to all meetings of the DFA Council.

(i) The Secretary shall ensure that notice of all minutes, of all meetings are forwarded to the Chief Executive in accordance with usual circulation timescales.

## **7 GENERAL DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES & POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

(a) The Council shall manage the affairs of the DFA and their

decisions shall be final subject to the right of appeal to the Hampshire FA (see Rule 11).

(b) The Council shall meet on a minimum of three dates fixed by them at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting which shall be held prior to the meetings of the Hampshire F.A. Council. The Officers shall have the power to call Special General Meetings as may be deemed necessary. Note - please refer to the County Handbook for Hampshire F.A. Council meeting dates.

(c) The discussions, statements of members, evidence of witnesses and other matters brought before Council and Committees is deemed privileged and the Council shall have the power to censure or suspend from the Council any member proved to be guilty of a breach of this rule.

(d) Each member of the Council shall be entitled to attend all Council meetings and have one vote thereat but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matter directly appertaining to himself or the Club he/she represents or where there may be a conflict of interest (this principle shall apply to the procedure of any Committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(e) The Officers of this DFA shall have the power to cancel any meeting if they consider the business for such meeting to be insufficient, or for any other adequate reason.

(f) The Council shall have the powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of this DFA, including any matter not provided for by these Rules and in such events be guided in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Hampshire FA.

(g) At their meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall make their nominations to fill the Offices of President, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary to be put forward to the Annual General Meeting together with any other nominations.

(h) The Council shall have the power to appoint such Committee's or Commission's as may be deemed necessary and may delegate all or

any of its powers to such Committee's or Commission's of the Council and to deal with breaches of Football Regulations referred to them by the Hampshire FA and with all breaches of the Rules of this DFA.

(i) At the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall;

- Complete the election of Officers and Council Members in accordance with Rule 6.
- Appoint Committees in accordance with Rule 8.
- Appoint for each Sanctioned Competition within the area, a Council Member (who shall not be an existing officer/member of the league) to attend its Management Committee meetings for the purpose of giving guidance and instruction.
- Appoint an Area Benevolent Officer. (to be approved by the Hampshire F.A. Board of Directors)

(j) This DFA shall be responsible to the Hampshire FA for the adherence to the following:

(i) The DFA shall use its powers to control and conduct their own approved Cup Competitions and be responsible for ensuring that all sanctioned Competitions and affiliated Clubs within their area conform to the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Hampshire FA.

(ii) This DFA shall act in partnership with and actively assist the Hampshire FA in its efforts to achieve the principle objectives and other aims set out in the current version of their Executive Summary.

(k) The Council shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the rules of the DFA and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the DFA, including any not provided for in the Rules.

For all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent must be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee.

Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty

any Club, Club Official (limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) or player alleged to be in breach of an Association Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before an Association Commission or Committee. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Association Rules. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

With the exception of Clubs playing at Step 7 or above of the Football Pyramid and the FA Women's Super League, and the F.A. Women's Premier League, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of an Association rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the DFA must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(l) Nominations from the DFA to serve the Hampshire F.A. Council must be forwarded to the Chief Executive no later than the 15th of May in any year.

## **8 STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following shall be Standing Committee's of this DFA and elected annually by the Council excepting the succession planning committee whose four members of council shall be appointed by the association officers and the divisional representative to the Hampshire F.A. succession planning working party.

(a) **Cup Competitions Committee** consisting of the DFA Officers, Cup Competitions Secretary (if not an officer) and 4 members of the Council (1 of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League - not applicable if the DFA does not run Youth competitions)

(b) **Finance Committee** consisting of the DFA Officers and 3 Members of Council (1 of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League).

(c) **Rules Revision Committee** consisting of the DFA Officers and 7 Members of Council (1 of whom shall be a representative of the Youth section).

(d) **Football Development Committee** consisting of such representatives of the DFA council, and any other member who need not be a member of the DFA Council, as the DFA shall prescribe, appointed for the purpose of managing and delivering the DFA Development Plan and other relevant football development matters with support of the dedicated member of the Hampshire

F.A Football Development Team.

(e) **Succession Planning Committee** consisting of the DFA Chairman, the DFA member appointed by the Hampshire F.A. Board of Directors to the County F.A. Succession Planning Working Party and 4 members of Council (1 of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League).

(f) **Emergency Committee** consisting of the DFA Officers, and 4 members of Council (1 of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League) with the power to deal with any matter that the Secretary may deem urgent or that may be referred to them by the Council.

(g) **Representative Football Committee** consisting of the DFA Officers and 7 Members of Council (1 of whom will be a representative from the Youth league)

## **9 MEMBER CLUBS**

(a) All Member clubs, including Youth and Women's Clubs, shall satisfy the Council that they are properly constituted and playing football according to the Laws of the Game and the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. No Club shall be accepted into membership until they have paid their affiliation fee to the County Football Association and to obtain membership they must quote the number and date of the official receipt issued by the Secretary of that County Association. Each Club shall keep a Member's Register, Cash Register, Minute Book and Players' appearance Record and such records must be available to this DFA at all times.

(b) Clubs shall not allow matches to be played on their grounds in which the Clubs engaged are not in membership with this or some other recognized Association, unless previous consent of the Council has been obtained. Clubs whose grounds are used by other Clubs for matches of any kind shall notify the DFA Secretary of such arrangements when made and at least seven days before the date of the match whenever possible. Affiliated Clubs, Officials, Players and Registered Referees shall not take part in any match in which an unaffiliated Club is playing or which has not been sanctioned by this DFA.

(c) The registered Secretary (or in his/her absence any other nominated officer) of a Club is the only official recognised by this DFA for the purpose of correspondence, which must be in his/her name. The Secretary of this DFA shall not be required to communicate with any other official on club matters. Official correspondence from this DFA requiring a reply must be acknowledged within 14 days of receipt (unless otherwise specified) and in default, the Club shall be fined a minimum

sum of £15 and/or other such penalty as the Council may decide.

(d) All Member Clubs must, if required to do so, place their ground and facilities at the disposal of the Council at least once per season.

(e) If the conduct of any Club in membership with this DFA is considered to be objectionable in any fixture under its jurisdiction or in connection therewith, the Council will have the full power to fine, suspend or expel such Club or member from the DFA or deal with the matter as they may decide.

(f) The DFA, through the Council, if and when required shall be empowered to require the Member Clubs to contribute by subscription or otherwise, such sums of money to the funds of the DFA in order to defray any losses incurred in the running of the DFA affairs.

(g) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Any Club failing to do so will be fined a maximum of £50. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in their membership of the DFA being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

(h) The business of the DFA as determined by the Council may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

(i) All member clubs and service clubs competing in competitions under the jurisdictions of this DFA shall place their players at the disposal of the Council for all representative matches. A player selected to play for the DFA shall not play for his Club on the date of the match for which he/she was selected without permission of the Council. Any player failing to comply with this Rule will be judged by the Council as guilty of misconduct, and any club or official who may be deemed to have encouraged or instigated such a player to commit a breach of instruction or Rule shall be deemed of a similar breach.

(j) This DFA shall have the powers to select and use on any dates, the grounds of its member Clubs that it deems fit for the playing of Representative Matches and the semi-final and final ties of its cup competitions and those of its sanctioned competitions.

(k) The terms of the grounds not to exceed 15 per cent of the net

receipts of the match, with a minimum of £100. In the event of a Junior Club's ground being selected, usual ground expenses as paid by the Club to be paid as agreed with the DFA. The Club whose ground is selected for the semi-final or final ties of the DFA's Cup shall be required to provide 4 match balls. Any Club disregarding any part of this Rule shall be fined a sum of not less than £15.

(l) All Clubs that are members of the DFA shall purchase not less than 2 copies of the current seasons Handbook.

## **10 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

(a) On or before the 16th June in each year, each Club through its Sanctioned Competition, shall pay a membership fee to this DFA as per the following schedule of fees:

- i) Clubs of Intermediate Status and above £12.00
- ii) Clubs of Junior Status £12.00
- iii) Clubs of Youth Status £2.00
- iv) Additional teams of Intermediate Status and above £12
- v) Additional Junior Status £7
- vi) Additional Youth Teams £1
- vii) Faith based Teams £.... (per team)

For the avoidance of doubt, Veteran's and Women's teams shall count as Junior status. Each club affiliated to the Hampshire F.A. but playing in a sanctioned competition outside this Division shall pay a membership fee to the DFA as per the schedule of fees in this Rule (10A).

(b) Adult teams playing in sanctioned small sided competitions shall pay a membership fee of £5. Youth teams playing in sanctioned small sided competitions shall pay a membership fee of £1.

(c) All Clubs affiliated to other County Football Associations, who are playing in a sanctioned competition within this Division shall pay a membership fee to this DFA as per following schedule fees:

- i) Clubs of Intermediate Status and above £12.00
- ii) Clubs of Junior Status £12.00
- iii) Clubs of Youth Status £2.00



- iv) Additional teams of Intermediate Status and above £12
- v) Additional Junior Status £7
- vi) Additional Youth Teams £1.
- vii) Faith based Teams £.....

For the avoidance of doubt, Veteran's and Women's teams shall count as Junior Status.

(d) Any Club, which registers after the 16th June shall be fined £15.00.

(e) Member Clubs shall not be allowed to take part in any Sanctioned Competition until the membership fee has been paid. Sanctioned Competitions shall satisfy themselves that their Clubs are properly affiliated to the appropriate County Football Association

## **11 APPEALS**

A member club within 14 days of receipt by them of written notification of any decision of the Council of this DFA may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars, in duplicate, accompanied by a fee determined from time to time by the Hampshire FA, such appeal being addressed to the Secretary of the Hampshire FA for the adjudication of the Board of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned. No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless it is on the grounds of unconstitutional conduct. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful, the fee shall be forfeited or returned to the Club in whole or in part at the discretion of the Board of Appeal, who shall also decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. A copy of the appeal must be sent to the Secretary of this DFA and the operation of the decision made by Council shall not be suspended pending the result of the appeal unless the Board of Appeal of the Council of the Hampshire FA, through its Officers, orders such suspension.

## **12 OWNERSHIP OF TROPHIES**

(a) Officers of this DFA shall be Trustees of all monies and property of this DFA. Association Cups or Trophies shall be competed for annually and shall not become the property of any Club. If a competition is discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the

donor if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the DFA may decide. At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runner-up if the funds of this DFA permit.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:

"We A.....and  
B ....., the Chairman and Secretary of .....FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of the ..... Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by this DFA, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to this DFA's Secretary on or before 1 March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to this DFA the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair".

(b) If the Cup or Trophy is returned, and in the opinion of the DFA is not in the same condition as it was presented, the club shall be notified immediately and the club shall be fined and be charged for its refurbishment and/or repair in total. A club failing to return a Cup or Trophy on or before 1st of March shall be fined the sum of £15 plus £1 per day after that date until returned to the DFA Secretary.

(c) A Club failing to return a Cup or Trophy suitably engraved shall be fined the sum of £15.

### **13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The Annual General Meeting of this DFA shall be held no later than the 15th of May in any year. At this meeting, the following business shall be transacted

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (iv) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (v) Election of Officers.
- (vi) Appointment of Auditors/Accounts Verifier
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which due notice has been given).

- (b) A copy of the agenda, verified balance sheet and proposed alterations to Rules shall be forwarded to each member club and Council Member at least 7 days prior to the Meeting.
- (c) A signed copy of the verified balance sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Hampshire FA within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Each Member club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of any meeting.
- (e) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of this DFA during the season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded.
- (f) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands or voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 2 of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman decides.
- (g) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one member.
- (h) Officers and Council members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- (i) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given in writing may be fined up to a maximum of £20.

#### **14 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) Upon the written application of 2 members of Council or 2 member clubs, stating reasons for same, the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. At least 7 days notice shall be given of any meeting under this Rule together with an agenda of the business to be conducted at such meeting.
- (b) Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at Special General Meetings.

(c) Proposed alterations to the Rules to be considered at a Special General Meeting shall be circulated with the notice of the Meeting and proposed amendments may be made and voted on at the meeting.

(d) With the exception of any change to players' qualifications, which may not take effect until the commencement of the following season, any alterations or additions decided upon shall become operative once the approval of the Hampshire FA has been given.

(e) Any continuing member club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given in writing may be fined up to a maximum of £20.

## **15 ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

(a) Alterations to Rules of The Football Association and the Hampshire FA, so far as they affect this DFA shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, this DFA's Rules as and when they are approved at a meeting of such Football Association.

(b) Except as provided in Clause (a) of this Rule, no alterations shall be made in the Rules of this DFA except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

(c) Notice of Proposed Alterations to Rules must reach the Secretary by the 31 January each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Council, shall be circulated to Council Members and member clubs and any amendments thereto must reach the Secretary by the 28/29th February in each year.

A copy of the proposed alterations to the Rules shall be submitted to the Hampshire FA by 31 March for their approval before being presented to members of this DFA.

(d) No alterations shall be made to any Rule unless the majority of members present and for the time being entitled to vote that are present in person vote in favour.

(e) The Hampshire F.A. will consider any necessary changes to the Divisional F.A. Standard Code of Rules at its meeting of the

Membership Committee held in April in each year and any changes will be communicated to the DFA Secretary by the Chief Executive or his appointed deputy by the 1st of May in any year.

## **16 TRAVELLING EXPENSES**

Travel and any other reasonable out of pocket expenditure incurred by Council Members whilst engaged in the business of and/or representing this DFA may be reimbursed by this DFA. Claims shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for consideration.

## **17 SERVICE TO FOOTBALL AWARDS**

Annually, subject to the availability of funds, this DFA may make awards to persons who have given at least 20 years service to local football. Nominations, together with full details, shall be forwarded via the member organisations (Local Leagues, Local Referees' Societies and Local Area Referees' Committee) to this DFA's Secretary on or before 31 January each year. The Officers will consider each recommendation and the awards will be made at the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate function.

## **18 RULES BINDING ON CLUBS**

Each member club shall have deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agrees to abide by the decisions of the Council subject to rule 11. All member clubs must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

## **19 STANDING ORDERS**

The Standing Orders of this DFA will be based upon those adopted by the Hampshire FA, amended as necessary to meet the specific requirements of this DFA.

## **20 FINANCE**

(a) The Council shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of this Association will be lodged.

(b) All expenditure in excess of £1000 shall be approved by the Council. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Council.

(c) The financial year of this DFA will end on 31 March.

(d) The books, or a certified balance sheet of this DFA shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **21 INSURANCE**

The DFA shall hold Public Liability Insurance and Officers Indemnity Insurance in it's own right.

## **22 THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION / HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the Rules of the Football Association and Hampshire Football Association.

## **23 DISSOLUTION**

(a) A resolution to dissolve the DFA shall only be proposed at a General Meeting with prior approval of the Hampshire F.A. and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.

(b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the Officers of the DFA shall be responsible for the winding up of assets and liabilities of the DFA.

(c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the DFA shall be transferred to the Hampshire F.A. who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game.

## GUIDANCE NOTES

### CLUBS MUST NOT:

1.
  - Play matches against unaffiliated clubs.
  - Take part in competition elsewhere without first ascertaining that sanction has been obtained from the Hampshire FA or the County Association in whose area the competition operates.
  - Play matches against clubs from other areas without first obtaining approval from both the Isle of Wight Divisional FA and the Hampshire FA at least 21 days before the date of the match.
  - Play matches against foreign opposition (home or away) without first obtaining approval from the Isle of Wight Divisional FA, the Hampshire FA and the FA at least 6 weeks before the date of the match. AND THAT
  - It is illegal to play matches or take collections for Charity purposes without first obtaining the sanction of the Hampshire FA.
2. The Association will produce a programme for every Cup Final. The two competing clubs must provide all the information asked for so that a comprehensive programme can be produced.
3. All Clubs must post the following warning notice in a prominent position on their ground. "ANY PERSON USING OBSCENE, PROFANE, PERSONAL OR INSPORTSMANLIKE REMARKS TO THE MATCH OFFICIALS OR PLAYERS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED FROM THE GROUND OR BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND MAY BE FURTHER DEALT WITH BY THE I.O.W.D.F.A". Copies of the notice can be obtained from the Secretary.

## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

### **NAME AND CONTROL**

1. (a) The Cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall be called “The Isle of Wight County Press Challenge Cup” and shall not become the property of any one club.
1. (b) Control and management shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

### **ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

2. (a) Application to enter accompanied by a fee of £13.00 must be received by the DFA Secretary before the 16th of June each year.
2. (b) The competition shall be open to Isle of Wight Division 1 Clubs and any reserve teams of Isle of Wight Clubs competing in the pyramid structure. Reserve teams of any of these Clubs below Isle of Wight Division 1 are not eligible to enter.
2. (c) Players must have been registered for their Club at least seven clear days prior to any match in which he plays in the competition, or have notified the DFA Secretary in writing at least seven clear days before such match that he is a fully qualified member of such Club. For the purpose of this rule a player’s signature to and registration on an Isle of Wight League form, or any competition in the pyramid structure, for his Club seven clear days before he plays in any match in the competition shall be regarded as sufficient notice in writing. An International Transfer Certificate for players coming from overseas Associations (including Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland) takes precedence over a player’s registration. Therefore this is also required 7 days previous to the date fixed for playing the round for the player’s registration to be valid.
2. (d) A qualified player having played in one match in the competition shall be eligible for the same team in any subsequent match in the competition.



2. (e) No individual shall play for more than one competing team in the same season. Members of competing teams may be changed during the series of matches.

2. (f) No civilian team shall include more than three service players.

2. (g) A Club official shall at least 15 minutes before K.O. give in writing to an official of the opposing team and to the referee the names of the players of his team. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined a minimum of £15.00

2. (h) A club may play three named substitutes from five named at any time in any match, except to replace a player suspended by the referee. The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission. Only three substitutes by each side will be permitted in any match from the five substitute players who shall be nominated to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.

2. (j) In the case of postponed or replayed matches only such players shall be allowed to play who are qualified members of the Club at the time fixed for playing of the round.

2. (k) Clubs failing to pay fines within 14 days will be fined a minimum of £15 for every 7 days or part of 7 days that elapse.

### **DRAWING AND PLAYING OF TIES**

3. (a) The ties shall be drawn to be played on dates decided by the Council, whose decision shall be final. After each draw the DFA Secretary shall advise each Club of its opponents and the date on which to play. No Club shall have more than one bye in each season.

3. (b) The Club first drawn in each ballot shall have choice of ground.

3. (c) Should a Club drawn as the visitors consider the home Club's ground to be unsuitable for a cup-tie it may appeal to the Council for the match to be played on neutral ground. Such objection must be lodged with the DFA Secretary within seven days of being notified of the draw, accompanied by the sum of £15 which may be forfeited if the objection is considered to be trivial.

3. (d) Venues and dates of semi-finals may be fixed by the Council and played under floodlights and the final tie shall be played on an enclosed ground selected by the Council, and may be played under floodlights if decided by the Council.

3. (e) Any Club failing to play on the appointed date (the exigencies of weather alone excepted) may be fined a sum not less than £15 and may be removed from the competition, unless sufficient reason be given to the Council for an extension of time. Any Club failing to play in the semi-final or final tie on the appointed date shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25 and may be removed from the competition. In the final tie the Council may re-instate the Club beaten in the semi-final by the defaulting Club.

3. (f) A match not played because of the precedence of another competition or exigencies of the weather, or which is abandoned by the referee for any cause whatever, shall be played on or before the next following Saturday according to precedence list. Where a Club is proved to be in default the match shall be awarded to their opponents.

3. (g) In the event of a fixture not able to be played on a Saturday due to the precedence list or to the weather the Council shall have power to decide on the date and venue of the match, which may be played under floodlights and on a neutral ground if necessary.

### **CANCELLED OR POSTPONED MATCH**

3. (h) Any game cancelled or postponed shall be reported on a card supplied by the DFA giving full particulars. When a ground is declared unfit, the card shall be signed by a referee or official member of the Parks Committee declaring same unfit. Such matches shall be rearranged by the Secretary of the DFA, using evening dates as from the last Saturday in March if necessary. Any club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a minimum fine of £15.

### **CLUB COLOURS**

4 (a) Where two Clubs have the same or similar registered colours the away Club shall change by wearing different coloured shirts, shorts, and socks, except in the semi-finals and the finals when both Clubs must change, and inform the DFA Secretary at least three days before the tie of the change made.

4. (b) The secretary of the home club must give notice in writing, or by Email, text or telephone, full particulars of the ground location, the colour of their shirts, shorts and socks and the kick off time to the secretary of the opposing club and the match official(s) at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. The match official(s) and visiting club must acknowledge receipt unless the original message was received personally over the phone. Any club failing to comply will be fined a sum not less than £15.

4. (c) Goalkeepers to wear colour not black which distinguishes himself from the referee and the other players. The outfield players shirts must be clearly and consecutively numbered 2 to 11 with the five substitutes numbered 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 and there must be no change of numbers during the match. The size of the numbers must be approximately 10 inches high. Clubs reported for not conforming to this rule shall be fined a sum of not less than £15.

4. (d) The captain shall wear a RESPECT/Captain's armband to indicate his status. Failure to comply will result in the club being fined not less than £15.

### **DRAWN TIES**

5. In ties where there is a draw after 90 minutes play or the agreed time having been played the match shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with HFA Rule 38. Extra time will not be played in any tie. If circumstances and conditions do not permit penalty kicks being taken and in matches in which they have begun but not completed, the match will be replayed on the ground of the first drawn club, unless a neutral ground is used in which case Isle of Wight DFA will decide the replay venue.

### **LATE START**

6. A Club responsible for a late start in a tie, without sufficient reason, shall be liable to a fine not less than £15.

### **PITCH MEASUREMENT, ETC.**

7. (a) The ground upon which ties are played shall be as near as possible 120 yards long and 80 yards wide but not less than 110 yards long and 60 yards wide, unless the permission of the Council first be obtained.

7. (b) The home Club shall be responsible for marking out the ground clearly, provide 2 match balls, supply goal nets which must be used, and adequate dressing and washing accommodation for the visiting team and officials. Referees accommodation to be separate from both teams.

7. (c) In games played on enclosed grounds, where dug outs are used, all club personnel must remain within the dug out at all times. A maximum of 9 may occupy the dug out. No children are allowed in the dug out. The manager may from time to time, convey tactical instructions to his team from the technical area but on giving these instructions must return immediately to the dug out. A maximum of 3 substitutes may from time to time warm up but must then return to the dug out. They must wear tops that clearly distinguish them from both team's colours. Substitutes must not use footballs whilst warming up. Any club failing to comply to this rule will be fined a sum not less than £15.

### **ALLOCATION OF GATE MONEY**

8. (a) The expenses of the pitch, referee and assistant referees shall be borne by the home Club in all ties before the semi-final. Competing teams shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses.

8. (b) Where gate money is taken the minimum charge shall be £1. All members, except 16 players, manager and 6 officials of competing Clubs, must pay admission.

8. (c) The proceeds of all matches, except semi-finals and final tie, shall be distributed by payment of fees to the Referee and Assistants (if appointed), the cost of floodlighting if used and the cost of advertising, after which the balance shall be equally divided between the two Clubs.

8. (d) A statement of match accounts shall be sent by the home Club to the visiting Club and settlement made within seven days of the match. Clubs failing to comply shall be liable to a fine of not less than £15.

8. (e) In the semi-finals and the final of the competition the DFA shall take the whole of the gate receipts and after payment of the expenses, detailed in (c) above, shall pay to each Club one-quarter of the net gate receipts of the ties in which they participate.

8. (f) Travelling and other expenses incurred by competing teams will in no case be defrayed by the DFA except as provided by Rule (8c).

### **MATCH RESULTS, ETC.**

9. The result of each match shall be sent by each Club together with a correct list of players giving names in full and referee with a Club mark out of 100 on an official DFA result card, by first class post or email to the Hon. Secretary within 48 hours of the end of the match. A Club who considers that the official match Referee has discharged his duties unsatisfactorily and awarded a mark of 60 or less must send a detailed report to the DFA Secretary within 4 days of the match. Any Club failing to comply shall be subject to a minimum fine of £15. Incorrect result cards shall be dealt with in a similar manner.

9. (a) The home Club must telephone the result of each Saturday match to a nominated person before 5.30 pm on the day of the match. Result of mid week matches must be telephoned within 1 hour of the match. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined a sum of not less than £15.

### **OBJECTIONS RELATING TO GROUND**

10. Any objection relative to the ground, goal posts or cross bars, or other appurtenances of the game, must be made to those responsible for the match half-an-hour before the time fixed for the kick-off. Any defects shall be remedied, if it is possible without unduly delaying the game. Failing this the objection shall be made to the referee prior to the start, and shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the Council. Such protest or appeals must be intimated to the referee at the time the violation takes place, and full particulars must be lodged with the Secretary of the DFA within three days thereafter (Sundays excepted) accompanied by a deposit of £25 which shall be retained or otherwise as the Council directs.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS, ETC.**

11. (a) Protests regarding eligibility of players must be lodged with the DFA Secretary within three days (Sundays excepted) accompanied by a deposit of £25.00 which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained.

Where a protest is sustained, or in the absence of a protest the Council shall subsequently discover that any rule has been violated by

mutual arrangement or otherwise by any of the Clubs concerned, it shall disqualify one or both from further competing in the competition or order the match or matches to be played again.

In the event of a Club being removed from the competition after the final tie, the Council may award the trophy and player awards to the beaten finalists.

11. (b) A Club playing an unregistered or ineligible player shall be fined a sum of not less than £15, and the Council may take such further action against the Club and/or player concerned as it may decide.

### **WITHDRAWALS**

12. A Club withdrawing from the competition may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Council.

### **APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES ETC.**

13. (a) Officials for all matches shall be appointed by the Local Area Referees' Committee of the Hampshire F.A. Except in the semi-finals and final tie each competing Club shall appoint its own Assistant Referee before the start of the match, unless neutral Officials are appointed, when the expenses shall be paid by the home Club. A Club failing to comply shall be liable to a minimum fine of £15.

13. (b) Subject to any limitations/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Association, match officials appointed under this rule shall be paid a match fee inclusive of travelling expenses. All rounds except final: Referee £30, Assistant £21. In all finals match officials will receive momentoes and expenses.

13. (c) In the event of the appointed referee failing to attend, and where neutral officials are appointed the senior assistant referee shall officiate as referee, and another assistant referee mutually agreed upon. In cases where there is no referee officially appointed or the appointed referee fails to turn up the clubs shall agree upon a referee. That person shall have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. A club failing to comply shall be fined a sum not less than £15 and further dealt with as Council thinks fit.

13. (d) Suitable dressing accommodation shall be found for referees and

assistant referees and such accommodation to be apart from players and to be securely locked. Clubs failing to comply with this shall be fined a sum of not less than £15.

### **PASSES**

14. Twenty three passes shall be issued to clubs competing in the final or semi final tie to admit 16 players, Manager and 6 club officials to the ground and dressing rooms on the ground of which tie is played. All others must pay.

### **TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS**

15. The winning team in the final will be presented with the cup that they shall retain for 24 hours and then return immediately to the Secretary. The DFA will engrave the Cup and invoice the Club. Applications to borrow the Cup (other than the Senior Cup) for award evenings or similar such events should be made to the Secretary at least 14 days before the event, giving full particulars. 17 medals / souvenirs will be presented to each side to be awarded as 11 players, 5 substitutes and the team manager. When a player taking part in the final tie of the competition is sent off for misconduct the medal or souvenir to which he may be entitled shall be withheld at the discretion of the Council.

### **APPEALS**

16. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players as well as all other matters in dispute shall be left to the Council whose decision shall be final, subject to appeal to the Hampshire F.A. in accordance with their Rule 15.

Such appeals must be lodged with the Chief Executive of the Hampshire F.A. within eight days of the match, accompanied by a deposit of £50 which may be forfeited if the appeal is not sustainable.

### **KICK OFF TIMES**

17. Please see full details on page 50.

**RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT  
HARWOODS-DACIA SENIOR (GOLD) CUP COMPETITION  
NAME AND CONTROL**

1. (a) The cup, to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association, shall be called "The Isle of Wight Harwoods-Dacia Senior (Gold) Cup" and shall not become the property of any one Club.
1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

**ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

2. (a) Application to enter this competition accompanied by an entry fee of £16.00 must be received by the DFA Secretary by the 16th of June in each year. All eligible clubs must enter.
2. (b) The competition shall be open to the first teams of the Isle of Wight Clubs competing in the pyramid structure and Isle of Wight Division 1. Each competing Club must play its strongest available team, or be fined or otherwise dealt with as the Council may decide.
- 2.(c) Players must have been registered for and played for their Club in the current season at least seven clear days prior to any match before playing in the Competition. A player's signature to and registration on a form for any competition in the pyramid structure shall be regarded as the required registration. International clearance as Challenge cup.
2. (d) to 2.(h)           As Challenge Cup.
2. (k)                    As Challenge Cup.

**DRAWING AND PLAYING OF TIES**

3. (a) The Council shall have the discretion to seed the top three teams playing in the pyramid system above IOW Division 1 together with the winners of IOW Division 1 in the previous season. The 4 seeded teams shall be exempt until the quarter finals. Rounds 1 and 2 shall be played by the Wessex League Division 2 and IOW League Division 1 teams to arrive at 4 remaining teams. In rounds 1 and 2 the club drawn first shall have choice of grounds. The ties in the competition



shall be drawn to be played on dates according to the Hampshire F.A. precedence list as decided by the Council of the D.F.A. After each draw is made the DFA Secretary shall advise each competing Club of its opponents, kick off time and the dates on which ties are to be played.

3. (b) and 3. (c) As Challenge Cup.

3. (d) Venues and dates for quarter final ties shall be selected by the Council whose decision shall be final and played under floodlights if considered appropriate. Both semi-finals and final tie shall be played on enclosed grounds where regular gate money is taken and played under floodlights if considered appropriate. The date, Kick Off time and venue for each tie to be decided by the Council whose decision shall be final.

3. (e) to 3.(g) As Challenge Cup.

4. (a) Up to and including 8 (f) as Challenge Cup.

8. (c) and 8.(d) As Challenge Cup.

8. (e) In the semi-final and the final of the competition the DFA shall take the whole of the proceeds and after payment of expenses previously referred to, shall pay to each Club one quarter of the net gate receipts of the tie in which they participate.

9-17. As Challenge Cup.

Except match officials fees as follows:

Referee £34, Assistants £23

# **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT JUBILEE CUP COMPETITION**

## **NAME AND CONTROL**

1. (a) The Cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall be called "The Isle of Wight Jubilee Cup," and shall not become the property of any one Club.
1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

## **ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

2. (a) The competition shall be played annually in preseason in August. Application to enter accompanied by a fee of £11 must be received by the DFA Secretary by the 16th of June each year.

2. (b) As Challenge Cup.

2. (c) to (g) As Challenge Cup.

2. (h) Part as Challenge Cup.

A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

2. (j) to (k) As Challenge Cup.

3. (a) As Challenge Cup.

3. (b) The competing teams shall be drawn in groups, the number of which shall be decided by the Council after the close of entries. The teams in each group shall play each other once (3 points win, 1 point draw). The group winners shall then contest the other group winners in the semi-finals. If only three groups are possible then the best runner up will join the other group winners in the semi-finals. The best runner up shall be the team with (a) the most points, or (b) if points gained are equal then best goal difference, or (c) if points or goal difference are equal, the most goals scored. If teams are still tied, a play off match will decide.

3. (c) As Challenge Cup.

3. (d) The final tie shall be played on an enclosed ground selected by

the Council and may be played under floodlights if decided by the Council.

3. (e) to 7.(c) As Challenge Cup.

8. (a) The expenses of the pitch, referee and assistant referees shall be borne by the home club in all ties before the final. Competing teams shall be responsible for their own travelling expenses.

8. (b) As Challenge Cup.

8. (c) The proceeds of all matches except the final, shall be distributed by payment of fees to the referee and assistant referees, if appointed, the cost of floodlighting, if used, and the cost of advertising, after which the balance shall be equally divided between the two clubs.

8. (d) As Challenge Cup.

8. (e) In the final of the competition, the DFA shall take the whole of the gate receipts and after payment of the expenses referred to in (c) above and providing medals for the competing teams and match officials, any balance shall be paid to a charity nominated by the DFA.

8. (f) to 13. As Challenge Cup.

14. Twenty three passes shall be issued to both clubs competing in the final to admit sixteen players, Manager and six club officials to the ground and dressing rooms on the ground on which the final is played. All others must pay.

15.-17. As Challenge Cup.

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## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT (1ST ROYAL IRISH RIFLES) MEMORIAL CHARITY CUP**

### **NAME AND CONTROL**

1. (a) The Cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association, shall be called the "Isle of Wight Memorial Charity Cup," and shall not become the property of any one Club.

1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

2. (a) Application to enter this competition, accompanied by an entry fee of £11 must be received by the Secretary of the DFA by the 16th of June in each year.

2. (b) The competition shall be open to all teams in the 1st, 2nd and

3rd Divisions of the Isle of Wight Saturday League. Division 1 teams shall be exempt from the 1st and 2nd rounds. Each competing Club must play its strongest available team, or be fined or otherwise dealt with as the Council decides.

2. (c) Up to and including 8 (b) as Challenge Cup.

8. (c) As Challenge Cup.

8. (d) As Challenge Cup.

8. (e) The proceeds of the final after payment of expenses of pitches, including floodlighting, match officials, advertising and printing and the cost of medals for the match officials and both teams, shall be retained by the D.F.A. and any balance shall be paid to a registered charity nominated by the D.F.A.

8. (f) As Challenge Cup.

8. (g) Clubs must not play in any one match more than 4 players who have played in six Senior competition matches, collectively during the season, as defined in numbers 1-16 of the Hampshire F.A. precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

9.- 17. As Challenge Cup

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### **RULES FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT JUNIOR A CUP COMPETITION**

1. (a) The Cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall be called "The Isle of Wight Junior Challenge Cup 'A'" and shall not become the property of any one Club.

1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

2.(a) Application to enter this competition, accompanied by an entry fee of £11 must be received by the Secretary of the DFA by the 16th of June in each year.

2. (b) This competition shall be open to all teams in the Isle of Wight League Division 2 and Isle of Wight Combination 1.

2. (c) Players must have been registered for their Club on an Island Saturday League Form at least seven clear days prior to any match in which he plays. International clearance as Challenge cup.

No player shall be eligible who has played more than 5 matches collectively in the current season in the Isle of Wight Division 1 or IOW Challenge Cup. Also no player shall be eligible who in the current season shall have played in any Senior competition as defined in numbers 1-16 of the Hampshire F.A. precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

2. (d) Up to and including 7 (c) as Challenge Cup

#### **ALLOCATION OF GATE MONEY - FARES ETC.**

8. (a) Any Club taking part in the competition that does not take gate money for its home games shall not be entitled to a refund of travelling expenses if drawn away to a gate taking Club, nor be liable to pay the travelling expenses of a visiting team if drawn at home or for replays at home.

8. (b) In all matches where gate money is taken with the exception of those played on neutral ground, the home Club shall pay the visiting Club 16 public bus fares, where actually paid, from the visiting Club's H.Q. to the home ground. Any balance of gate receipts after the payment of the expenses of the visiting Club and of the match expenses shall be divided equally between the two competing Clubs. In any case where the receipts are not sufficient to cover the travelling expenses of the visiting Club, the visiting Club shall share the loss with that home Club.

8. (c) As Challenge Cup.

8. (d) In semi-final matches played on neutral ground after payment of match expenses the proceeds shall be equally shared by the competing Clubs. Clubs are responsible for their own travelling expenses.

8. (e) Up to and including 17 as Challenge Cup.

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## **RULES FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT U.N.I.S.O.N. JUNIOR B CUP COMPETITION**

1. (a) The Cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall be called The Isle of Wight U.N.I.S.O.N. Junior Challenge Cup 'B', and shall not become the property of any one Club.

1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council of the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (the DFA).

2.(a) Application to enter this competition, accompanied by an entry fee of £11 must be received by the Secretary of the DFA by the 16th of June in each year.

2. (b) This competition shall be open to teams competing in the Isle of Wight Division 3 and Combination 2.

2. (c) Players must have been registered for their Club on an Island Saturday League Form at least seven clear days prior to any match in which he plays. International clearance as Challenge cup.

In this competition no player shall be eligible to play who has in the current season played more than 3 matches collectively in:

- 1 Isle of Wight Divisions 1, 2 & Combination Division 1.
- 2 The Wyvern Combination League & Cups or
- 3 The Hampshire Premier Leagues & Cups or
- 4 The IOW Challenge Cup

No player shall be eligible who in the current season has played in any Senior competition as defined in numbers 1-16 of the Hampshire F.A. precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

No player shall be eligible who in the current deason has already played in the IOW or HFA Junior A cup competitions.

2. (d) Up to and including 7 (c) as Challenge Cup

### **ALLOCATION OF GATE MONEY - FARES ETC.**

8. (a) Any Club taking part in the competition that does not take gate money for its home games shall not be entitled to a refund of travelling expenses if drawn away to a gate taking Club, nor be liable to pay the travelling expenses of a visiting team if drawn at home or for replays at home.

8. (b) In all matches where gate money is taken with the exception of those played on neutral ground, the home Club shall pay the visiting Club 16 public bus fares, where actually paid, from the visiting Club's H.Q. to the home ground. Any balance of gate receipts after the payment of the expenses of the visiting Club and of the match expenses shall be divided equally between the two competing Clubs. In any case where the receipts are not sufficient to cover the travelling expenses of the visiting Club, the visiting Club shall share the loss with that home Club.

8. (c) As Challenge Cup.

8. (d) In semi-final matches played on neutral ground after payment of match expenses the proceeds shall be equally shared by the competing Clubs. Clubs are responsible for their own travelling expenses.

8. (e) Up to and including 17 as Challenge Cup.

## **PRECEDENCE OF COMPETITIONS**

### **SATURDAY**

Senior (Gold) Cup

Challenge Cup

Jubilee Cup

League, Division 1

Memorial Cup

Junior 'A' Cup

Junior 'B' Cup

League Division 2

League Combination 1

League Division 3

League Combination 2

Youth Cup and League

Ryde and District Cup

### **SUNDAY**

Harold Moody Trophy

Les Cooper Memorial Cup

League Division 1

## **MATCH OFFICIALS 'ALL-IN' FEES**

All-in fees have been fixed for the various competitions, details of which are included in the rules of that competition. Parking fees cannot be claimed for. The home Club shall pay the referee before the match. Where 4th officials are appointed they will receive assistant referee fees.

## **TIMES OF STARTING MATCHES**

### **1. Saturday League**

During the months of September, October, February, March, April and May the kick off time will be 2.30pm. During the months of November, December and January the kick off times will be 2pm. Evening Games to kick off at 6pm. Where "Double Bankers" are fixtured kick off times shall be 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

### **2. Saturday Cups**

During the months of September, October, February, March, April and May the kick off time will be 2:30pm.

During the months of November, December and January the kick off times will be 2:00pm. All Evening Games will kick off at 6pm except semi-final and final ties where Council will determine time and venue. See also Senior Cup Rule 3.

### **3. Sunday League and Cup Matches**

All matches will kick off at 10.30am. Evening Games to kick off at 6pm.



## GUIDANCE FOR MARKING REFEREES

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the Referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The Referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

### Mark Range Comment

100-86 The Referee demonstrated very accurate decision-making and controlled the game very well using management and communication skills effectively to add value to the game.

85-76 The Referee demonstrated accurate decision-making and controlled the game well using management and communication skills to contribute positively to the game.

75-61 The Referee demonstrated reasonably accurate decision-making and despite some shortcomings generally controlled the game well.

60 and below The Referee demonstrated shortcomings in the accuracy of decision-making and control which affected the game.

### Notes

- Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 85-76 category a mark of 84 indicates a better performance than a mark of 77.
- While some Referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.
- When club officials are marking a Referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.
- When a mark of 60 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition using the box provided on the marking form. The purpose of this is to assist Referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible.

### HOW TO DECIDE ON THE REFEREE'S MARK

The following questions focus on the key areas of a Referee's performance. They are intended as an "aide memoire", are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however, worth considering them before committing yourself to a mark for the Referee.

## **CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING**

- How well did the Referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognized correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?
- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the Referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the Referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the Referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the Referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?
- Did the Referee apply the use of the advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the Referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?
- Did the Referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the Referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

## **COMMUNICATION AND PLAYER MANAGEMENT**

- How well did the Referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the Referee's Level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the Referee understand the players' problems on the day – e.g. difficult ground/weather conditions?
- Did the Referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the Referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the Referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the Referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the Referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the Referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the Referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the Referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was effective player management in evidence?
- Was the Referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace of the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the Referee negatively?

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

- Always try to be objective when marking. You may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game.
- Judge the performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident.
- Don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players.

## EXTRACT FROM THE HAMPSHIRE FA PRECEDENCE LIST LISTING COMPETITIONS NUMBERED 1-16

### SATURDAY

1. FA Challenge Cup.
2. The FA Community Shield.  
The Premier League.
3. The Football League - All Divisions & Cups.
4. FA Challenge Trophy.
5. FA Challenge Vase.
6. Saturday Senior Challenge Cup (Hampshire FA).
7. The Premier League - Professional U21 Development League.  
Football Conference - All Divisions & Cups.  
Isthmian League - All Divisions & Cups.  
Southern League - All Divisions & Cups.
8. Russell-Cotes Cup - All Rounds (Hampshire FA).
9. Premier Cup (Combined Counties League).  
League Cup (Wessex League).  
The FA Inter League Cup.
10. Saturday Senior Invitation Challenge Cup - Final & Semi-Finals (Aldershot DFA).  
Harwoods Dacia Senior (Gold) Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Isle of Wight DFA).  
Saturday Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (North Hants DFA).  
Saturday Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Portsmouth DFA).  
Saturday Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Southampton DFA).
11. Saturday Intermediate Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Hampshire FA).
12. Combined Counties League - Premier Division.  
Wessex League - Premier Division.  
Hellenic League - Premier Division.  
Western League - Premier Division.
13. Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Berks and Bucks FA).  
Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Dorset FA).  
Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Surrey FA).  
Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Sussex FA).  
Senior Cup - Final and Semi-Finals (Wiltshire FA).
14. Combined Counties League - Division 1.  
Wessex League - Division 1.  
Hellenic League - Division 1.  
Western League - Division 1.
15. Saturday Intermediate Cup - Rounds (Hampshire FA).
16. Saturday Senior Invitation Challenge Cup - Rounds (Aldershot DFA)  
**Harwoods Dacia Senior (Gold) Cup - Rounds (Isle of Wight DFA).**  
Saturday Senior Cup - Rounds (North Hants DFA).  
Saturday Senior Cup - Rounds (Portsmouth DFA).  
Saturday Senior Cup - Rounds (Southampton DFA).

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## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT SATURDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

1. (a) In these Rules:

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of the FA.

“AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

“Club” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and “Team” means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules.

“Competition” means the Harwoods Renault Saturday League.

“Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

“Contract Player” means any player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

“Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules.

“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

“Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“Non Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

“Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

“Sanctioning Authority” means the Hampshire County Football Association Limited.

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition match are listed.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

(b) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.

(c) The Competition will be known as The Harwoods Renault Saturday League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(d) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

## **NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION**

2. (a) This Competition shall consist of not more than 42 Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority.

(b) All Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated Association and their

names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Hampshire County Football Association and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Hampshire County Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 16 in number. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the Isle of Wight.

(c) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same club, unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

(d) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.

(ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(e) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the competition including but not limited to, charter standard and respect programmes.

(f) Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee.

(g) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

3.(a) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £15, as set out in the Fees Tariff, per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. When Rule 12(b) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(b) The Annual Subscription shall be £15 per Club payable on or before the 1st August in each year.

(c) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

(d) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit, if required, have been paid.

(e) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by the 26th of June of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

### **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

4. (a) The Management Committee shall comprise the officers of the competition, the Referee appointment Secretary and 6 ordinary members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The officers of the IOWDFA shall be ex-officio members.

(b) All candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 30th April



in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required with no more than three calendar months between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(d) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(e) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

## **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

5. (a) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association.

(b) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

(c) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall apply to the

procedure of any sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(d) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 5(i), 6(h), 10(a) 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification to the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(e) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 10 days.

(f) More than fifty percent (50%) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee and any sub-committee thereof.

(g) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(h) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

(i) All fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within

21 days of the date of the notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(j) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(k) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(l) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 2nd Friday in May each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 15 Members are present and entitled to vote:-

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vi) Appointment of Auditors.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any.
- (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
- (ix) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(b) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of rules.

(c) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of

Accounts shall be sent to the Hampshire FA within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(d) Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(e) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(f) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(g) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Member Club.

(h) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting.

(i) Officers and Management Committee Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club which is an incorporated association and two directors of each club which is an incorporated entity shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman/Director) and B \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary/Director) of the \_\_\_\_\_ Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Saturday League Harwoods Renault Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal

in accordance with Rule 16." Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Hampshire County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

### **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

8. (a) (i) Contract players, are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that club has where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have at least 20 players registered 14 days before the start of the each playing season.

(b) A player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and submitted to the Competition before 12 noon on the day prior to playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the competition prior to that player playing in a competition match.

Registration forms may be submitted to the secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within 3 days of the match to the registration secretary.

(c) (Special restrictions will apply between 1st March to the end of the season i.e. during the period quoted, no club shall include in any of its Saturday League teams more than 3 players who have played in the current season in 10 or more matches in a higher graded competition including Southern or Wessex League, Premier or Division One.

(d) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining

whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

In the event that a player could be required to pay a proportion of a debt due under The FA Debt Recovery system then, whether or not the debt has been referred to the relevant county FA, the competition must not effect the player's registration in any way or refuse to register a transfer due to that debt being outstanding. The competition cannot refuse to register the player for a non-footballing debt.

(e) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each club/team for each player registered.

(f) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(g) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(h) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct

shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered with or intending to be registered with.

- (iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(l) Subject to F.A. Rule C2 (a) when a club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form to the competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within three days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 2 days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to

the Management Committee for a decision.

(j) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 28/29 February except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(k) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(l) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times as mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8 (a)(i).

(m) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A) unless the player has played 50% games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(n) (i) No club in either Division 2 or Combination Division 1 shall play more than 4 players in any match who have each played in 6 games or more during the current season in the following competitions:

a) IOW Division 1 and Challenge Cup **and**

b) IOW Senior Cup rounds **and**

c) Any other competition above (b) as shown in the Hampshire FA precedence list.

But please see the sentence in brackets at the end of rule 8(c) for games played after the 1st of March.

(ii) No club in Division 3 or Combination Division 2 shall play more than 4 players in any match who have each played in 6 games or more during the current season in the following



competitions:

a) IOW Divisions 1, 2 or Combination 1 **I.O.W. Challenge Cup** or the Wyvern Combination League.

But please see the sentence in brackets at the end of rule 8(c) for games played after the 1st of March.

A player cannot play in either Division who during the current season has played in:

a) IOW Senior Cup rounds.

b) Any other competition above (a) as shown in the Hampshire F.A. precedence list.

(o) Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Management Committee may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default. The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the points gained only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

In exceptional circumstances the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(p) (The following Clause applies to competitions involving players in full time secondary education):-

(i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues).

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

## **CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME**

9. (a) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the Secretary by 1st May who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other players and the match officials.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least 3 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. A club must not delay the scheduled time of kick off for a competition match by not having a change of colours. Shirts must be numbered. The Secretary may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts, shorts or socks as they think fit.

(b) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the sanctioning authority and from the Management Committee. Any club wishing to change its colours during the season must obtain permission from the management committee.

#### **PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES**

10. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season.

(b) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For Clubs playing at Step 7 and

below, a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the register. The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(d).

All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home team must provide goal nets and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

(c) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear day's notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed.)

(d) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of, and access, to the ground and time of kick-off to the Match Official(s) and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 3 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the competition.

(e) A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(f) (i) Home and away matches shall be played and fixtured by the Fixture Secretary. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, and A Team.

**Where a club cancels a 1st team Hampshire FA or IOWDFA Cup match due to being unable to raise a side, their reserve team shall not play a league game on that day.**

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.

(iv) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date fixtured by the Fixture Secretary and agreed by the Management Committee.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any match

that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(o) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(g) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players. The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 minutes before the start of the match and a player not so named may not take part in that match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(h) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(i) The clubs taking part in a fixture shall identify a team captain who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his team mates.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'RESPECT' handshake and to the opposing team and officials after the match.

## **REPORTING RESULTS**

11. (a) The Registration Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine as per the Fine Tariff or the club being dealt with as the management committee decides.

(b) The Home Club shall telephone, SMS or email the result of each

match to the Results Secretary by 1 hour of end of each match. Clubs in default will be fined as per the fines tariff.

(c) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club.

### **DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

12. (a) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points, team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal, the highest placed team shall be the team that has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals, then the highest placed team shall be the team which has won the most matches.

In the event of the two teams still being equal, the team which has the better playing record against the other team in their head to head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed team.

If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each team then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.

(b) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first 2 and last 2 teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(b).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

- (a) retention of otherwise relegated teams.
  - (b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below
  - (c) election
- (iii) The last 2 teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (b)(i) above.
- (iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.
- (v) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

(c) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(d) Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions Division 1 Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the Hampshire Premier League Competition at their Annual General Meeting. Should the Champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the 2nd or 3rd place Club will be eligible under the same conditions.

At the end of each season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from the Hampshire Premier League Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either (a) to accept a Club from the Hampshire Premier League Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition.

The bottom 2 Clubs in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the Isle of Wight Saturday League Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee. 2

clubs will be promoted to the Hampshire Premier League Competition from the Isle of Wight Saturday League Competition, providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or 3rd place Club and has the necessary grading criteria.

In the event of there being no eligible Club wishing promotion or having the necessary grading criteria from any of the Competitions, this will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the Hampshire Premier League Competition.

If only 2 Clubs are eligible or wish for promotion, the bottom 2 Clubs in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated. If only 1 Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated.

If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the Hampshire Premier League Competition.

In the event of an Island based Hampshire Premier League Competition Club not being placed in the bottom 2 clubs at the end of the season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the season, or having been excluded under Rule 17 only 1 Club shall be relegated at the end of the season.

In the event of Island based Hampshire Premier League Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule 12 such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.

## **REFEREES**

13. (a) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning authority.

(b) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Individuals under the age of 16 should not participate either



as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition.

(c) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee.

(d) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted.

(e) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee. Referee £30. Inclusive of travelling expenses. Assistants £21. Inclusive of travelling expenses.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fee before the match.

(f) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee.

(g) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.

(h) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the League Secretary on a prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(i) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Association.

(j) Not applicable to this competition.

(k) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(l) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.

### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

14. (a) A Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season.

(b) The Management Committee shall have the the discretion to deal with a team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season.

(c) In the event of a Member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

### **PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

15. (a) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match.

(b) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(c) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees

Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(d) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard

(i) All parties must have received 7 days notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then the club should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

## **PROTESTS/APEALS**

16. (a) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

(b) All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

(c) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(d) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary.

(e) If so requested the Management Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two clubs in

which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

**EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS  
MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS**

17. (a) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda by the direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(c) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

**TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF  
TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS**

18. (a) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

"We A \_\_\_\_\_ and B \_\_\_\_\_, the  
Chairman  
and Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ FC, members of and  
representing the Club, having been declared winners of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to  
us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally

agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 31st March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

(b) At the close of each Competition 17 awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least seven days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee.

Any continuing Member Club must be represented at a Special General Meeting.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

### **ALTERATION TO RULES**

20. Alterations for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to these rules shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31 January in each year. The proposals together with any proposals by the Management Committee shall be circulated to the clubs by 14 February and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 28 / 29 February. The proposals and amendments thereto shall be circulated to the Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting, are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM

or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or the FA (as appropriate) 14 days prior to the date of the meeting or by 1st April whichever is sooner.

## **FINANCE**

21. (a) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (b) All expenditure in excess of £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (c) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st March.
- (d) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **INSURANCE**

22. All clubs must have public liability cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000). All clubs must be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Association. In instances where the Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a club affiliates.

## **DISSOLUTION**

23. (a) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.
- (b) In the event of the dissolution of the competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the competition.
- (c) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another competition or Affiliated Association or the Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Association.

(ii) If a competition is discontinued for any reason, a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Association may decide.

## FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
3 (a)	Entry Fee	£15
3 (b)	Annual Subscription	£15
3 (c)	Deposit	£30
8 (e)	Registration Form	£2
8 (i)	Transfer Form	£20
13 (e)	Referee Fees	£30
13 (e)	Assistant Ref. Fees	£21
15 (c), 16 (a), 16 (g)	Protest/Appeal Fees	£25 (protest) £50 (appeal to H.F.A.)

## FINES TARIFF

2 (b)	Failure to Affiliate	£20
2 (e)	Failure to comply with FA initiatives	£20
2 (f)	Unauthorised entry of teams into Competitions	£20
3 (c)	Failure to pay deposit	£20
3 (e)	Failure to provide affiliation number/details form	£20
4 (e)	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated officers	£20
5 (h)	Failure to comply with an instruction of the management committee	£20
5 (i)	Failure to pay a fine within 21 days of notice	£20
6 (h)	Failure to be represented at AGM	£20
7	Failure to submit the required written agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£15
8 (a) (ii)	Failure to have the required number of registered players prior to the season commencing	£15
8 (b)	Failure to correctly register a player	£15
8 (c)	Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in senior competitions matches	£15



8 (g)	Signing or playing for multiple clubs, or inaccurate completion of a registration form	£15
8 (h) (ii)	Registration irregularities	£15
8 (o)	Playing an ineligible player	£25
8 (p)	Failure to give priority to school activities	£15
9 (a), 10 (b)	Delaying kick off/no nets/ corner flags	£15
9 (b)	Failure to obtain consent for a change of club name	£20
10 (c)	Failure to play matches on the date fixed	£25
10 (d)	Failure to provide details of a fixture	£20
10 (e)	Playing match with less than required number of players	£15
10 (f) (i) & (iii)	Failure to play fixture	£25
10 (l)	No captains armband	£15
11 (a) & 11 (c)	Late team sheet	£20
11 (b)	Failure to provide result	£20
13 (c)	Failure to provide club assistant referee	£20
13 (e)	Failure to pay match officials fees and expenses	£20
13 (f)	Failure to pay match officials where a match is not played	£20
13 (h)	Failure to provide a referees mark	£15
14 (a)	Withdrawal from league after 31st March	£20
14 (b)	Failure to start/complete fixtures	£50
18 (a)	Failure to submit the required written agreement regarding the trophy	£15
22	Failure to have the required insurance	£20

### **ADVISORY NOTES FOR CLUBS**

1. New clubs wishing to apply to join the League will not be considered for entry unless they have a club member trained as a qualified referee to be used when no registered referee is available.
2. This same condition applies to existing clubs wishing to enter reserve, A or B teams.
3. The home club shall mark the field of play in accordance with the Laws of the games and provide suitable dressing and washing accommodation for the visiting teams and match officials on the ground. All accommodation must be securely locked please.
4. When you are playing in either Divisions 1 or 2 you must provide showers for the Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine not less than £15.
5. Please ensure your shirts are numbered 1-11 with the substitutes wearing 12/13/14/15/16 or 17.
6. When you are playing on a ground without dugouts, all club personnel (maximum of 9) must remain within the dugout at all times. No children in the dugout. Your Team Manager may from time to time convey tactical instructions to your team but he must return to the dugout immediately afterwards. Failure to comply will result in a fine not less than £15.
7. When your substitutes are warming up (maximum 3 at a time) they must wear tops that distinguish themselves from both teams. Please don't let them use footballs whilst doing so.
8. Rule 10 (d) It is recommended that you contact the referee by phone to ensure his availability for the game.
9. Rule 10 (f) (iii) Where the game is called off on the the day of the match will you please ensure that you contact your opponents and the referee by phone to ensure the message is recieved.
10. You must exchange team sheets with your opponents with a copy to the referee at least 10 minutes before KO. Failure to do so will result in a fine not less than £15.
11. When your club plays in a Hampshire Cup Competition you must send our Registration Secretary a copy of the result card at the same time as you send the result card to the HFA i.e. within 48 hours of the end of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine not less than £15.

## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT HARWOODS-RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION**

1. The cup to be played for under the rules of the Football Association and shall be called the Division..... League Cup and shall not become the property of the club.
2. The entire control and management of the competition shall be invested in the Isle of Wight Saturday League Management Committee.
3. The competition may be run annually at the discretion of the League Management Committee. Application to enter the competition must be made to the league by a date to be decided by the Management Committee and must be accompanied by an entry fee of £10.
4. The competition shall be open to Isle of Wight Saturday League Division..... teams only.
5. Qualification of players, including the completion of team sheets - as per Isle of Wight Saturday League Rules.
6. Eligibility of players - as per Isle of Wight Saturday League Division Rules. The competition shall be played in two groups drawn by The Management Committee with each team playing 2 home and 2 away games. The winner of each group shall contest the final. The ties shall be played on dates decided by The League Management Committee. No extra time in the final. Game to be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as per H.F.A. rule 38.
8. Team colours, substitutes, match results, Referees and Assistant Referees - as per Isle of Wight Saturday League Rules.
10. Kick off times - as per the designated league kick off time for the month.
11. Medals will be awarded to the two teams contesting the final (17 each team) and to the match officials.
12. Trophy arrangements - as per Isle of Wight Challenge Cup rule 15.
13. All matters of dispute shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee whose decision will be final.



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## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

1. (a) In these Rules:

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of the FA.

“AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

“Club” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and “Team” means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules.

“Competition” means the Isle of Wight Sunday League.

“Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

“Contract Player” means any player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

“Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules.

“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

“Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“Non Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

“Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

“Sanctioning Authority” means the Hampshire County Football Association Limited.

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition match are listed.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

“(b) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.

(c) The Competition will be known as The Sunday League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(d) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

## **NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION**

2. (a) This Competition shall consist of not more than 42 Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority.

(b) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Hampshire County Football Association and must have a constitution approved by the County Sanctioning authority.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Hampshire County Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number.

The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the Isle of Wight.

(c) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the sanctioning Association in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via the transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

(d) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.

(ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning authority for investigation.

(e) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The F.A. which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to charter standard and respect programmes.

(f) Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

(g) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have the power



to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

3. (a) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) from the same club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £5 set out in the Fees Tariff per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

When Rule 12(b) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(b) The Annual Subscription shall be £20 per team payable on or before the 15th August of the Competition in each year.

(c) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

(d) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.

(e) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 15th August of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

### **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

4. (a) The Management Committee shall comprise of the Officers of the Competition and the Referees appointment Secretary and 4 ordinary members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) All candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing,

signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 15th May in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required with no more than three calendar months between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(d) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(e) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

#### **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

5. (a) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub- committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association

(b) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

(c) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall

apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(d) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 5(i), 6(h), 10(a), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(e) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 10 days.

(f) More than fifty percent (50%) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(g) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(h) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

(i) All fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 21 days of the date of notification of the decision.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(j) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(k) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(l) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 20th May in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 10 Members are present and entitled to vote:-

(i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.

(ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.

(v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

(vi) Appointment of Auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any.

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(b) A copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of rules.

(c) A signed copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(d) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(e) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(f) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot is demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(g) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Member Club.

(h) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting.

(i) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club which is an unincorporated Association and two directors of each Club which is an incorporated entity shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A,..... of .....(Chairman/Director) and  
B ..... of .....(Secretary/Director)  
of the .....Football Club (Limited)  
have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the

Isle of Wight Sunday Football League Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Hampshire County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

### **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

8. (a) (i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have at least 14 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season.

(b) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and submitted to the Competition before 12 noon of the day prior to playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match.

Registration forms may be submitted to the Registrations Secretary by facsimile or electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within 3 days of the match to the Registration Secretary.

(c) A team shall not include any more than 4 players who have taken part in 6 games or more senior competition matches during the current season, unless a period of 14 days has elapsed since they played.

For the purpose of this Competition a senior competition(s) is step 7 and above.

(d) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played. In the event that a player could be required to pay a proportion of a debt due under The FA Football Debt Recovery System then, whether or not the debt has been referred to the relevant County FA, the Competition must not affect the player's registration in any way or refuse to register a transfer due to that debt being outstanding. The Competition cannot refuse to register a player for an unpaid non-footballing debt.

(e) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each club/team for each player registered.

(f) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(g) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(h) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player, subject to provision of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or

suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.

(iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(i) Subject to F.A. Rule C2(a) when a club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within three days, of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Secretary may, on behalf of the



Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 2 days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(j) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 28/29th February except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(k) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registrations Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only. In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(a)(i).

(m) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played 2 games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(n) A player who has played for a team in the top Division 6 times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(o) Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Management Committee may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as decided by the Management Committee which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default.

The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the

points gained only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

In exceptional circumstances the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

- (p) (The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-
- (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations Activities.
  - (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues).
  - (iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

#### **CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME**

9. (a) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 1st May who shall decide as to their suitability. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other players and the match officials.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play (including the colour of the goalkeepers jersey) to its opponents at least 3 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. A Club must not delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours. Shirts must be numbered.

The Secretary may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

(b) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the playing season must obtain permission from the management committee.

**PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY  
TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES**

10. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season.

(b) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. For Clubs playing at Step 7 and below, a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register. The home Club is responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(d).

All matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home team must provide goal nets and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

(c) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear day's notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(d) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 3 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the competition.

(e) A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(f) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, and A Team.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason, must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.

(iv) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 4 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams and their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(o) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(g) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players.

Except for matches played at step 7 of the national league system, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match and a player not so named may not take part in the match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute

before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(h) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(i) The participating clubs taking part in a fixture Competition Match shall identify a team captain who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his team mates.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'RESPECT' handshake and handshakes to the opposing team and officials after the match.

## **REPORTING RESULTS**

11. (a) The Registration Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of as per the Fines Tariff or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(b) Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the Fixture Secretary by 3pm on the day of the match. The result of evening matches must be notified within 1 hour of completion of the match. Clubs in default will be fined as per the Fines Tariff.

11 (c) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club.

## **DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

12. (a) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal, the highest placed team shall be the team which has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals, then the highest placed team shall be the team which has won the most matches.

In the event of the two teams still being equal, the team which has the better playing record against the other team in their head to head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed team. If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each, then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.

(b) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first 2 and last 2 teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(b).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

(a) Retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(b) Additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below

(c) Election

(iii) The last 2 teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(1) above.

(iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.

(v) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at

the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

(c) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(d) Not applicable to this Competition.

### **REFEREES**

13. (a) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning authority.

(b) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition.

(c) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee.

(d) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted.

(e) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses. Assistants £21 inclusive of travel expenses.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fee before the match.

(f) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee only. Where a match is not played owing to



one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their half fee.

(g) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.

(h) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(i) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Association.

(j) Not applicable to this competition.

(k) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(l) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.

### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

14. (a) A Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season.

(b) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season.

(c) In the event of a Member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

### **PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

15. (a) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations

of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match.

(b) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within seven days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(c) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fines Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(d) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 7 days notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then the Club should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

## **PROTESTS/APPEALS**

16. (a) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not

succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

(b) All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

(c) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(d) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary.

(e) If so requested the Management Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

#### **EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS**

##### **MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS**

17. (a) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(c) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) of this Rule.

**TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.**

18. (a) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

“We A.....and B....., the Chairman and Secretary of.....FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of the Isle of Wight Sunday FL Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 1st March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

(b) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time. At least seven days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee.

Any continuing Member Club must be represented at a Special General Meeting.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

## **ALTERATION TO RULES**

20. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the sanctioning authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to these rules shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st January in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15th February and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 27th February. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) 14 days prior to the date of the meeting or by 1st April whichever is sooner.

## **FINANCE**

21. (a) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

b) All expenditure in excess of £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(c) The financial year of the Competition will end on 30th April.

(d) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be verified annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **INSURANCE**

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000).

All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

## DISSOLUTION

23. (a) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.

(b) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.

(c) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the sanctioning Association.

(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason, a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

## FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
3 (a)	Entry Fee	£5
3 (b)	Annual Subscription	£20
3 (c)	Deposit	£6
8 (e)	Registration Form	£2
8 (i)	Transfer Form	£15
13 (e)	Referee Fees	£30
13 (e)	Assistant Ref. Fees	£21
15 (c), 16 (a), 16 (g)	Protest/Appeal Fees	£5 (protest) £50 (appeal to H.F.A.)

## FINES TARIFF

2 (b)	Failure to Affiliate	£20
2 (e)	Failure to comply with FA initiatives	£20
2 (f)	Unauthorised entry of teams into Competitions	£20
3 (c)	Failure to pay deposit	£10
3 (e)	Failure to provide affiliation	£15

	number/details form	
4 (e)	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated officers	£10
5 (h)	Failure to comply with an instruction of the management committee	£15
5 (i)	Failure to pay a fine within 21 days of notice	£50
6 (h)	Failure to be represented at AGM	£10
7	Failure to submit the required written agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£15
8 (a) (iii)	Failure to have the required number of registered players prior to the season commencing	£15
8 (b)	Failure to correctly register a player	£15
8 (c)	Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in senior competitions matches	£15
8 (g)	Signing or playing for multiple clubs, or inaccurate completion of a registration form	£15
8 (h) (ii)	Registration irregularities	£15
8 (o)	Playing an ineligible player	£25
8 (p)	Failure to give priority to school activities	£15
9 (a), 10 (b)	Delaying kick off/no nets/no corner flags	£15
9 (b)	Failure to obtain consent for a change of club name	£20
10 (c)	Failure to play matches on the date fixed	£25
10 (d)	Failure to provide details of a fixture	£15
10 (e)	Playing match with less than required number of players	£15
10 (f) & (iii)	Failure to play fixture	£15
10 (l)	No captains armband	£10
11 (a) & 11 (c)	Late team sheet	£10
11 (b)	Failure to provide result	£10
13 (c)	Failure to provide club	£10

	assistant referee	
13 (e)	Failure to pay match officials fees and expenses	£20
13 (f)	Failure to pay match officials where a match is not played	£15
13 (h)	Failure to provide a referees mark	£10
14 (a)	Withdrawal from league after 31st March	£25
14 (b)	Failure to start/complete fixtures	£100
18 (a)	Failure to submit the required written agreement regarding the trophy	£10
22	Failure to have the required insurance	£20



## **ADVISORY NOTES FOR CLUBS FOR BOTH LEAGUE & CUP MATCHES**

1. You should note that the £3 registration form includes a contribution towards insurance.
2. Please ensure your shirts are numbered 1-11 with the substitutes wearing 12/13/14/15/16 or 17.
3. You must exchange team sheets with your opponents with a copy to the referee at least 15 minutes before KO.
4. When you are playing on a ground with dugouts, all club personnel (maximum of 9) must remain within the dugout at all times. No children in the dugout. Your Team Manager may from time to time convey tactical instructions to your team but he must return to the dugout immediately afterwards. Failure to comply will result in a fine of not less than £10.
5. A Club wishing to approach a player known to be registered with another club, or having played for another club must give notice to the Secretary of each club 7 days formal written notice of the intention to approach the player. The approaching club can only approach one at a time within 28 days of the earlier approach, and may only approach 3 players of a club in a season.
6. When your club plays in a Hampshire Cup competition, a copy of the result card shall be sent to the Fixture Secretary.
7. You must telephone the result of your Hampshire Cup match both home and away within one hour of the completion of the match to the Fixture Secretary

## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT SUNDAY HAROLD MOODY TROPHY COMPETITION**

### **NAME AND CONTROL**

1. (a) The I.W. Sunday Harold Moody Trophy to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall not become the property of any one Club.
1. (b) Control and management shall be vested in the Management Committee of the I.W. Sunday Football League.

### **ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

2. (a) Application to enter accompanied by a fee of £20 must be received by the League Secretary before 15th August in each year.
2. (b) The competition shall be mandatory to all I.W. Sunday Football League teams.
2. (c) Players must have been registered for their Club at least seven days prior to any match in which he plays in the competition, or have notified the Sunday League Fixture Secretary, in writing, at least seven days before such a match that he is fully qualified member of such Club. For the purpose of this Rule a player's signature to and registration on an I.W. Sunday Football League form shall be regarded as sufficient notice in writing. All players must be recognised members of their respective Club. A bonafide player is one who has signed a form for his Club on an I.W. Sunday Football League registration form and is duly registered by the I.W. Sunday Football League Secretary according to Rule 8 (with the exception of clauses relating to transfers).
2. (d) A player having played in one match in the competition for which he was qualified, shall be entitled to play for the same team in any subsequent match in the competition for the same team provided he is not rendered ineligible by the Rules of the particular competition.
2. (e) No individual shall play for more than one competing team in the same season. Members of competing teams may be changed during the series of matches.
2. (f) No civilian team shall include more than three Service players.
2. (g) A Club Official prior to each match shall give in writing to an Official of the opposing team and also the referee the names of the players of his team. The list to be forwarded to the Fixture Secretary together with the match result card. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined.

2. (h) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this competition who may be selected from 5 named substitutes at any time in any match, except to replace a player suspended by the referee. The substitution can only be made when the play has stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission and the substitute players shall be nominated to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.

A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

2. (j) In the case of postponed, drawn or replayed matches only such players shall be allowed to play who are qualified members of the Club at the time fixed for playing of the round.

### **DRAWING AND PLAYING OF TIES**

3. (a) The competition shall be split into two League groups of three who shall play each other twice on a home and away basis, with the winners of each group to play in a final. Teams rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective groups at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points. In the circumstances when two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of goal difference, being equal the highest placed team shall be the team, which has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of goals, the highest placed team shall be the team that which has won the most matches. Ties shall be drawn to be played on dates decided by the I.W. Sunday Football League whose decision shall be final. After each draw, the Sunday Fixture Secretary shall advise each club of its opponents and the date on which to play. No club shall have more than one bye in each season.

3. (b) The Club first drawn in each ballot shall have choice of ground.

3. (c) Should a Club drawn as the visitors consider the home Club's ground to be unsuitable for a cup-tie, it may appeal to the Sunday Football League for the match to be played on neutral ground. Such objection must be lodged with the Sunday League Fixture Secretary within seven days of being notified of the draw, or within three days of

a drawn game, accompanied by the sum of £20 which may be forfeited if the objection is considered to be trivial.

3. (d) The final tie shall be played on ground selected by the I.W. Sunday Football League. If match is drawn after 90 minutes then 30 minutes extra time will be played. If scores, are still level, then penalties will take place as per Hampshire rule 38.

3. (e) Any Club failing to play on the appointed date (the exigencies of the weather alone excepted), may be fined a minimum sum of £10 and may be removed from the competition, unless sufficient reason be given to the I.W. Sunday Football League for an extension of time. Any Club failing to play in the semi-final or final tie on the appointed date shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25 and may be removed from the competition. In the final tie the I.W. Sunday Football League may reinstate the Club beaten in the semi-final by the defaulting Club.

3. (f) A match which is not played because of the precedence of another competition or exigencies of the weather, or which is abandoned by the referee for any cause whatever, shall be played on the following Sunday. Where a Club is proved to be in default, the match shall be awarded to their opponents.

#### **CLUB COLOURS, CHANGING COLOURS AND MATCH PARTICULARS**

4. (a) Where two Clubs have the same or similar registered coloursthe away Club shall change except in the semi-finals and the finals when both Clubs must change, and inform the Sunday league Secretary at least three days before the tie of the change made.

4. (b) The home Club shall notify the appointed referee and Secretary of the visiting Club match particulars, i.e. situation of ground, time of kick off and club colours/design etc., at least three days before the match. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined a minimum sum of £5.

4. (c) Goalkeepers must wear colours (not black or very dark shirts) which distinguish them from the other players and the referee. The players' shirts to comply with FA standard code of rules/league rules.

#### **DRAWN TIES, EXTRA TIME, CHOICE OF GROUND. DATE OF REPLAYS**

5. In ties where there is a draw after 90 minutes play or agreed time having been played the match shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with HFA Rule 38. Extra time will not be played in any tie. If circumstances do not permit penalty kicks being taken and in

matches in which they have begun but not completed the match will be replayed on the ground of the first drawn Club. In the event of a game being postponed on two occasions, at the Management Committee's discretion, the venue of the game may be changed.

#### **LATE START**

6. A Club responsible for a late start in a tie, without sufficient reason, shall be liable to a fine minimum of £10.

#### **PITCH MEASUREMENT, ETC.**

7. (a) The ground upon which ties are played shall be as near as possible 120 yards long and 80 yards wide but not less than 110 yards long and 60 yards wide, unless the permission of the Sunday Football League is first obtained.

7. (b) The home Club shall be responsible for marking out the ground clearly, provide two balls for the match, supply goal nets which must be used, and adequate dressing and washing accommodation for the visiting team and officials. Referees accommodation to be separate from both teams.

#### **ALLOCATION OF GATE MONEY - FARES ETC.**

8. (a) Where neither Club engaged in a tie is a gate-taking Club, the fares of the visiting Club shall not be a charge.

8. (b) Where gate money is taken the minimum charge shall be £3. All members except 16 players and 3 officials of competing Clubs must pay admission.

#### **MATCH RESULTS, ETC.**

9. (a) The result of each match shall be sent by each Club together with a correct list of players giving names in full and referee with Club fixture markings on official result cards, by first class post to the Hon. Fixture Secretary within 48 hours of the end of the match. Any Club failing to comply shall be subject to a minimum fine of £5.

Incorrect result cards shall be dealt with in a similar manner.

9. (b) Both Clubs shall telephone the result of the game to the Fixture Secretary by 3.00pm on the day of the match. Results of Evening Matches must be telephoned on the day following the match and not later

than 7.30pm. Defaulting Clubs shall be fined a sum not less than £5.

### **OBJECTIONS RELATING TO GROUND ETC.**

10. Any objection relative to the ground, goal posts or bars, or other appurtenances of the game, must be made to those responsible for the match half-an-hour before the time fixed for the kick off. Any defect shall be remedied, if it is possible without unduly delaying the game. Failing this the objection shall be made to the referee prior to the start and shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the I.W. Sunday League.

Such protest or appeals must be intimated to the referee at the time the violation takes place, and full particulars must be lodged with the Secretary of the Sunday League within three days thereafter (Sundays excepted), accompanied by a deposit of £5 which shall be retained or otherwise as the Council may direct.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS, ETC.**

11. (a) Any protests regarding eligibility of players must be lodged with the Sunday League Secretary within three days (Sunday excepted), accompanied by a deposit of £5 which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained. Where a protest is sustained, or in the absence of a protest the I.W. Sunday League shall subsequently discover that any Rule has been violated by mutual arrangement or otherwise by any of the Clubs concerned, it shall disqualify one or both from further competing in the competition or order the match or matches to be played again. In the event of a Club being removed from the competition after the final tie, the I.W. Sunday League may award the trophy and player awards to the beaten finalists.

11. (b) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

### **APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES, ETC.**

12. Officials for all matches shall be appointed by the Local Area Referees' Committee of the Hampshire Football Association. Except in the semi-finals and final tie each competing Club shall appoint its own assistant Referee before the start of the match, unless assistant Referees are appointed, when the expenses shall be paid by the Home Club. In the semi-finals both clubs shall share the expenses of

the match officials (details of which are shown on page 40).

In the event of the appointed referee failing to attend, and where assistant referees are appointed, the senior assistant referee shall officiate as referee and another assistant referee mutually agreed upon. Where assistant referees are not appointed the Clubs must mutually agree upon an official referee if one or more are available, failing which another person must be agreed upon, and on all questions of play his decision shall be final.

### **TROPHY AGREEMENTS**

13. (a) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

"We A... and B..., the Chairman and Secretary of ... F.C. members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of ... Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 1st March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Failure to comply will result in a fine as determined by the Management Committee.

A Club failing to return a trophy on or before the agreed date shall be fine £10 and £1 for each day after that date, until the trophy is returned to the Sunday League Secretary.

14. The winners of the trophy shall have it inscribed with the Club's name and year of winning before returning it to the League Secretary.

### **TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS**

15. In addition to the cup, the I.W. Sunday League may present medals or souvenirs to the members of the winning team in the final tie. It may also present souvenirs to the players of the losing team in the final. When a player taking part in the final tie of the competition is sent off for misconduct the medal or souvenir to which he may be entitled shall be withheld at the discretion of the I.W. Sunday League.

### **BOARD OF APPEAL**

16. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition, a Club, Official or

Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Hampshire Football Association, including a fee of £50, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

**N.B. Any rule not covered by the rules of the Isle of Wight Sunday Football League are covered by the F.A. Standard Code of Rules 2016/2017.**



## **RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LES COOPER MEMORIAL CUP**

### **NAME AND CONTROL**

- 1.(a) The cup to be played for under the Laws of the Football Association shall be called the I.W. Sunday Les Cooper Memorial Cup and shall not become the property of any one Club.
1. (b) The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested on the Management Committee of the I.W. Sunday Football League.
1. (c) Application to enter accompanied by a fee of £20 must be received by the Sunday League Secretary before 15th August in each year.

### **ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS**

2. (a) The competition shall be run annually.
2. (b) It is mandatory that all teams enter the Les Cooper Memorial Cup.
2. (c) A player must have been registered for their club at least 7 days prior to the match in any round of the competition, or have notified the League Fixture Secretary in writing at least 7 days before such a match that he is a fully qualified member of such club.
- 2.(d) Any player having been properly transferred who has not played in the current season in the I.W. Sunday Les Cooper Memorial Cup shall be eligible for his new Club providing his qualifications comply with rule 2 (c). A qualified player having played in one match in the competition shall be eligible for the same team in any subsequent match in the competition.
2. (e) A qualified player having played in one match in the competition shall be eligible for the same team in any subsequent match in the competition.

2. (f) In all ties where scores are level after 90 minutes, penalty kicks will take place as per Hampshire Cup rule 38.

All other rules of I.W. Sunday Harold Moody Trophy shall apply.

**N.B. Any rule not covered by the rules of the Isle of Wight Sunday League are covered by the the F.A. Standard Code of Rules 2016/17.**

## **Appendix 1**

### **ISLE OF WIGHT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT TOWARDS REFEREES**

1. The home team must contact the Referee 3 clear days before the day of the match. For matches played on Sunday this means no later than Wednesday.
2. On arrival at the venue the referee shall be greeted by the club secretary or other competent person and shown the dressing room.
3. The referees changing room shall be clean and tidy and shall satisfy the appropriate Rule.
4. The referee shall be paid before the game and a receipt obtained.
5. Two match balls suitable for play shall be handed to the referee at least 15 minutes before kick off.
6. The team sheet shall be handed to the Referee at least 15 minutes before kick off.
7. The assistant referee offered by both clubs must be of an acceptable standard and preferably have attended an assistant referees course organised by the League.
8. At half time the referee should be offered refreshments by the home club.
9. The referee shall be treated with the utmost respect by both home and away teams.
10. At the end of the game the referee shall be thanked for his time by both captains.

**ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Tuesday 9 August 2016  
Tuesday 6 December 2016  
Tuesday 7 March 2017  
AGM Wednesday 10 May 2017

**HARWOODS VAUXHALL --SATURDAY LEAGUE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Meetings held on first Monday of each month.

AGM. Tuesday 2 May 2017

**SUNDAY LEAGUE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Meetings held on first Thursday of each month.

## NOTES

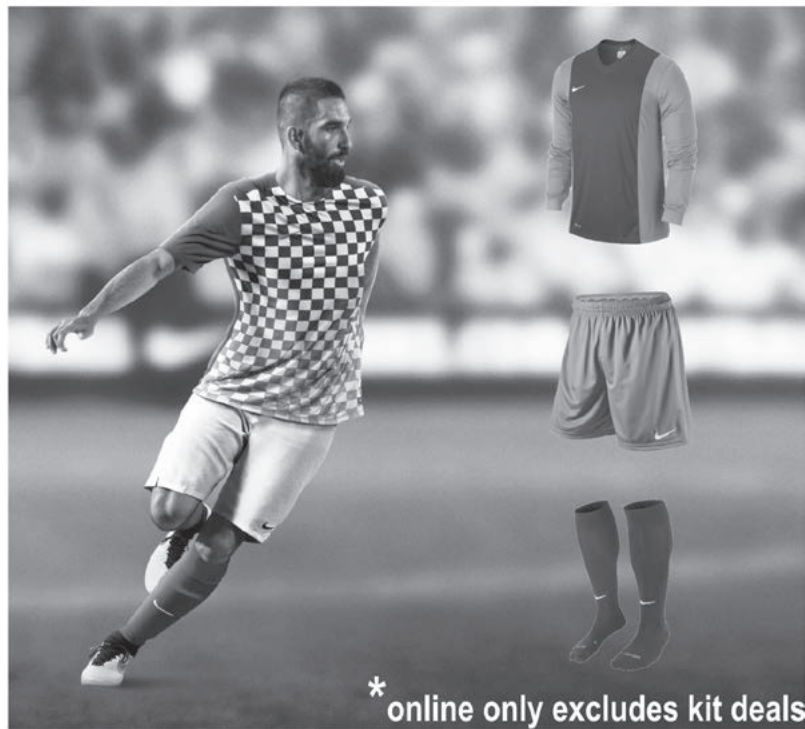




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